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## **NEWS RELEASE**

Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Marlene Dark, age 52,of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, was arrested today in Beltsville, Maryland. Dark was previously indicted on eight counts of transportation of stolen securities and six counts of mail fraud. Arraignment is scheduled for October 7, 2002, in Alexandria.

According to the indictment, Dark was employed as an accounting supervisor for Goodwill Industries at its office in Bethesda, Maryland. Dark opened an account at Navy Federal Credit Union in Vienna, Virginia, in the name of an acquaintance/roommate. The indictment charges that from July 2000 through July 2001, Dark made unlawful withdrawals from bank accounts held by Goodwill. The indictment states that Dark altered Goodwill checks by removing the names of the genuine payees and substituting the name of her acquaintance/roommate, and depositing the checks into the Navy Federal Credit Union account she controlled. The indictment charges that Dark made in excess of \$190,000 of unauthorized withdrawals from Goodwill accounts and used the charity's money for her personal purposes.

The investigation was conducted by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Dana J. Boente.